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KSU Presentations

- Nov 6 **Xuwei Chen:** "Agent-based Microsimulation of Evacuation Strategies," 4 pm, Union 212 (Special Geography Presentation).
- Nov 15 **Scott Deaner:** "Becoming part of 'Cardinal Nation'," 11:30 am, Seaton 164H (GTU brownbag)
- Nov 10 *GROWE Symposium IV Population and Environment: Interdisciplinary Perspectives*, 9 am-12:15 pm (see *Meetings* section below).
- Rhett Mohler:** "Historical Channel Change of Vermillion Creek, Kansas, 1857 to 2002," 3:30 pm, 132 Seaton (Geography Colloquium/Thesis Defense)
- Steve Thomas (University of Nebraska-Lincoln): "Incorporating Transport in Ecological Research: Lessons from Streams," 4:00 pm, 221 Ackert (Division of Biology presentation)
- Nov 14 **Nancy Brown:** "The Impact of Prescribed Fire on Biodiversity of Understory Forbs in an Old-Growth Pine Ecosystem in the Upper Midwest," 10:45 am, 164H Seaton (Thesis Defense)
- Nov 17 **Patricia Solis:** "Heuristics, Serendipity, and Enlightened Opportunism: Making a Difference through Geography," Union Little Theater, 3:30 (Geography Colloquium/Geography Awareness Speaker). Solis is our first Distinguished KSU Geography Alumna (M.A. KSU Geography 1996). She is the Director of Research and Outreach for the Association of American Geographers, stationed in Panama.

Faculty & Student Activities

Publications

- Blake, Kevin S.** 2007. Jayhawk. In *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*. R. Sisson, C. Zacher, and A. Cayton (eds). Bloomington: Indiana University Press. P. 123.
- Blake, Kevin S.** 2007. Superman and His Kansas Roots. In *The American Midwest: An Interpretive Encyclopedia*. R. Sisson, C. Zacher, and A. Cayton (eds). Bloomington: Indiana University Press. Pp. 123-4.

Student & Faculty Opportunities

Karen De Bres is leading a second discussion on teaching techniques, this Wednesday (8 Nov), Seaton 164H, 12:30-1:30 pm. Possible topics include the dynamics of active learning & the use of multimedia resources, & pizza will be offered as an incentive for good discussion.

International opportunities are available to students through the Institute of International Education (IIE)/National Security Education Program (NSEP). These include Boren Scholarships for undergraduate students, Boren Fellowships for graduate students, and National Flagship Language Program. The campus application deadline is 22 January. Contact Jim Hohenbary (532-6904; 112 Eisenhower Hall). Also see www.iie.org/nsep.

The *Southwestern Geographer*, a peer reviewed annual publication has issued a Call for Papers. Submission of papers pertinent to the southwestern region of the AAG (Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas) is encouraged.

Alumni Newsletter

It is time to again to request faculty news, faculty selected accomplishments, and other information that applies to the upcoming 2007 Alumni Newsletter. All articles and photos need to be submitted to Kathy Zimmerman in the Main Office by Friday November 17, 2006.

Meetings

AGU Hydrology Days 2007 will be held at Colorado State University, Fort Collins, 19-21 March. Topics are to include Land use changes & streams; Nutrient dynamics in alluvial streams; Biocomplexity issues related to interactions between humans, aquatic ecosystems & complex landscapes; Emerging contaminants; Measuring & modeling the mountain snowpack; Monitoring & modeling pollution & water quality in irrigated stream-aquifer systems; Estimating evaporation & evapotranspiration in the field; Groundwater remediation; Transport in porous media; Groundwater-surface water conjunctive management; Semi-arid region vadose zone hydrology & contaminant transport; Scaling issues: scale dependence & scale invariance in hydrology; Morphodynamics; Detecting & modeling climate variability & change using stochastic approaches; and Stochastic techniques in water resources planning & management. See <http://hydrologydays.colostate.edu/callforpapers.htm>.

Websites

November 6th is International Day for Preventing the Exploitation of the Environment in War and Armed Conflict. More about this day can be found at http://www.un.org/depts/dhl/environment_war/

Glossaries of glaciological terms: <http://www.glaciers-online.net/glossary/index-en.html> (illustrated); <http://nsidc.org/cgi-bin/words/glossary.pl>

The maps and graphics library on the UN Environment Program website, www.grida.no, holds over 750 maps, graphs, and illustrations.

The state of Texas has opened up web access to many of their surveillance cameras along the Texas/Mexico border. Everyone can view live feeds from these at www.texasborderwatch.com